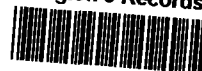


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Re: Sauget Area 2, Site Q – Eagle Marine Industries

Dear Leslie:

This is in response to your April 27, 1999 letter responding to my March 17, 1999 letter, which requested a detailed letter explaining why EPA believes Eagle Marine cannot substantiate its claim that it is an innocent land owner.

Eagle Marine agrees with only one assertion in your letter, and that is that Eagle Marine or its predecessors had a contractual relationship with Cahokia Trust. Eagle Marine disagrees with your assertion that Eagle Marine has not exercised due care with respect to hazardous substances contained on its property, and disagrees with your assertion that Eagle Marine knew or should have known that the landfill it purchased contained hazardous substances, for the reasons set forth in our prior correspondence.

We look forward to discussing these many issues with EPA.

Sincerely yours,

Julie O'Keefe

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cc: Richard Burke